

### REMARKS

In response to the above-noted Office Action, Applicant has cancelled the rejected claims, namely claims 2, 4, 5, 11 and 14-17. Claims 9, 10, 12 and 13 remain.

In view of the foregoing, it is believed that all claims now pending, namely claims 9, 10, 12 and 13 are in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited at the earliest possible date.

If there are any fees due in connection with the filing of this response, please charge those fees to our Deposit Account No. 02-2666. If a telephone interview would expedite the prosecution of this Application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (310) 207-3800.

Respectfully submitted,

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